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To confirm the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commodity Credit Corporation to enter into memorandums of understanding with a State regarding the collection of approved State commodity assessments on behalf of the State from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2004

Mr. NETHERCUTT (for himself and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. COLLECTION OF APPROVED STATE COM-**
2 **MODITY ASSESSMENTS ON BEHALF OF**
3 **STATES FROM MARKETING ASSISTANCE**
4 **LOAN PROCEEDS.**

5 (a) COLLECTION ON BEHALF OF STATES.—Subtitle
6 B of title I of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
7 Act of 2002 is amended by inserting after section 1209
8 (7 U.S.C. 7939) the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 1210. COLLECTION OF APPROVED STATE COMMODITY**
10 **ASSESSMENTS ON BEHALF OF STATES FROM**
11 **MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOAN PROCEEDS.**

12 “(a) COLLECTION ON BEHALF OF STATES.—At the
13 request of a State, the Secretary or the Commodity Credit
14 Corporation shall enter into a memorandum of under-
15 standing with the State to collect, on behalf of the State,
16 approved State commodity assessments from the proceeds
17 of marketing assistance loans.

18 “(b) EFFECT OF ASSESSMENT RATE CHANGES.—
19 The Secretary and the Commodity Credit Corporation
20 may not terminate a memorandum of understanding with
21 a State for the collection of approved State commodity as-
22 sessments (or refuse to extend or modify such a memo-
23 randum of understanding) on the grounds that the State
24 has changed the assessment rate.”.

25 (b) REINSTATEMENT OF MEMORANDUMS.—The Sec-
26 retary of Agriculture and the Commodity Credit Corpora-

1 tion shall reinstate, at the request of a State, any memo-
2 randum of understanding that was entered into between
3 the Secretary or the Corporation and the State for the
4 collection of approved State commodity assessments on be-
5 half of the State, but was terminated before the date of
6 the enactment of this Act.

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